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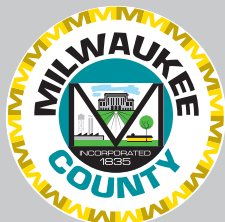
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Milwaukee Public Theatre Board of Directors



Dear Neighbors of District 13,

FALL 2018

Compared to recent years, the 2019 Milwaukee County budget process was relatively smooth, despite the growing challenge of balancing a structural deficit. As in previous years, a major challenge to adopting a balanced budget for 2019 was addressing the growing structural budget deficit. The structural deficit arises as the normal inflationary "cost to continue" outpaces the flatter growth rate of current revenue sources. Inflation results in average yearly cost increases of 2.3% merely to provide the same level of public services. The county's allowable revenue sources increase at .9%, leaving a gap that must be closed to balance the budget. For 2019, the structural deficit was originally projected at \$22.4 million.

Many people do not realize that the county's fiscal challenges are due in large part to limits that past state legislatures have placed on how much revenue the county can raise. These statutory limits would not be such a burden if the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County could negotiate a fair deal that allowed the county to keep just a fraction of the tax revenue it collects and sends to Madison.

Milwaukee County has sent more and more tax revenue to Madison every year since 2009, but the amount we've received from Madison to help fund state-mandated services has either flatlined or declined. Milwaukee County is now sending about \$400 million more each year to Madison than we did in 2009. But none of that extra revenue comes back to Milwaukee County in the form of state aid to pay for state-mandated services.

The lack of fairness in state support for Milwaukee County is one reason why County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. and County Executive Chris Abele are working together to achieve a Fair Deal for Milwaukee County. As the leading economic engine of the state, a fiscal crisis here could have ripple effects throughout the state. Please let your legislators know that a fair deal for Milwaukee County is good for Wisconsin.

I thank you for letting me serve as your Milwaukee County Supervisor and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office. Wishing you and your family all the best this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Willie Johnson, Jr.
Milwaukee County Supervisor
District 13

Residents for Change



Supervisor Johnson, Jr. joined community members at the Residents for Change Neighborhood Group Picnic at Lincoln Park on July 28, 2018.

Yesterday's Negro League Celebration: Meet & Greet the Legends

As reported by OnMilwaukee.com, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and the Milwaukee Community Journal's Yvonne Kemp and Mikel Holt.



Mr. Herbert Walker, Mr. Dennis Biddle, Mr. James Beckum and Mr. Warren Kirkendoll of the Negro Baseball Leagues at the Yesterday's Negro League Heritage Celebration at the Rose Senior Center.

On August 3, 2018, the Milwaukee Brewers hosted African American Heritage Night to honor the Negro Baseball League by recognizing Mr. Warren Kirkendoll and Mr. Herbert Walker who played in the Negro Leagues in the 1950s. Other Negro Leagues alumni joining the 90-year-old Kirkendoll and the 86 year old Walker were Ray Knox, Reggie Howard, James Cobbin, James Beckum, Gilbert Black, Dennis Biddle, Henry Elmore, Al Holt, Nathan "Sonny" Weston and Don "Rook" Porter. Note the Milwaukee Brewers have been honoring the contributions of former Negro Leagues players since 1997. Further, the Milwaukee Common Council presented Mr. Kirkendoll and Mr. Walker with citations for their playing with the Gurdon (Ark.) Panthers in the Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas League and the Indianapolis Clowns, respectively.



Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Mr. Warren Kirkendoll, and Sheriff-Elect Earnell Lucas at the Yesterday's Negro League Heritage Celebration Event at the Rose Senior Center in August 2018.

On August 4, 2018, the Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Players Foundation held the Yesterday's Negro League Pride and Heritage Celebration: Meet & Greet in the Rose Senior Center Ballroom. Dennis Biddle, pitcher for the Chicago American Giants, and his wife hosted the event; Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Mayor Tom Barrett, Earl Ingram, Jr. of 1510 AM, and the Milwaukee Community Journal's founding editor and associate publisher Mikel Holt were among the featured speakers.



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. Simply dial 2-1-1 or go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1

JobLines Bus Routes Saved



I co-sponsored an amendment introduced by County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., and Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic to ensure that hundreds of Milwaukee County workers will continue to access jobs with a modified JobLines bus route.

JobLines, which delivers thousands of workers to employers in Milwaukee and Waukesha County, face cancellation at the end of 2018 when their one-time funding runs out.

The routes were originally financed by a court settlement that set aside more than \$13 million for public transportation to job sites that were difficult for many city workers to access.

The amendment, which was adopted on November 5, 2018, will extend the modified route into Waukesha to accommodate 100% of riders and job sites through August of 2019. It also calls for Milwaukee County officials to work with Waukesha County and state leaders to find long-term, shared solutions to maintain the routes.

I would like to thank The Black Health Coalition, MICAH, and the ACLU for their hard work and advocacy on behalf of the citizens who depend on JobLines as their transportation to work. There is a lot of work to be done in Madison as we face growing fiscal crisis and seek solutions for the future.



Supervisor Johnson, Jr. stands with a group of fellow supervisors and JobLines restoration budget amendment supporters, which passed in the Finance and Audit Committee on a vote of 6-0.

Remembering Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Andrew Cocroft

Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Andrew Cocroft, President and CEO of the Center for Veterans Issues, LTD., entered into eternal life on September 12, 2018. Having been born on November 16, 1946 in Conway, Mississippi to Willie Tilmon Cocroft and Louise Gee Cocroft the family moved to Milwaukee. A graduate of North Division High School in 1965, General Cocroft was a member of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. While attending Wisconsin State University-Oshkosh in 1966, he was drafted into the United States Army. Upon completion of U.S. Army Infantry Officer Candidate School and while training at Fort Ord, California, he married Jacqueline Hunter on May 3, 1969 to whom two children were born. A Vietnam era veteran who served in Korea and Panama, he returned to Wisconsin, joined the 84th Division of the Army Reserve, continued his military education, graduated from the U.S. Army War College eventually climbing the chain of command to Brigadier General. Having completed 40 years of active and reserve military service, he retired in 2006.

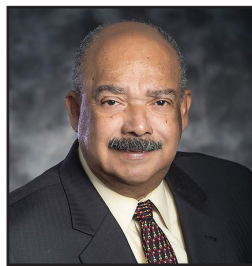


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Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Andrew Cocroft

Through the combined efforts of Robert Cocroft, Willie Sims, and the late Thomas Wynn, the National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS) was established in 1973 and has chapters in 80 cities throughout the United States. General Cocroft is a previous National Commander of NABVETS which continues its advocacy on behalf of its members with Congress, the federal administration, state, county, and local agencies. The organization is certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as a claims representative for veterans. President and CEO Cocroft for the Center for Veterans Issues, LTD. led an organization that has programs to address PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, substance abuse concerns, mental health issues, anger management challenges, disability and health concerns, criminal justice issues, homelessness, housing problems, unemployment and underemployment, poverty, money management struggles, financial literacy, and family issues. May we recognize and honor his service to his community, state and country.

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. Elected President of the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation

Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr. was elected president by the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance by the County Mutual Board of Directors for a three-year term on May 31, 2018. Supervisor Johnson, Jr. has been a member of the County Mutual Board since 2006 and has been involved with the Wisconsin Counties Association since 2003, having served as President of the WCA for a one-year term in 2014. He is the Vice Chairman of the Community Insurance Corporation, another subsidiary of the WCA.

The County Mutual provides comprehensive liability coverage to almost three quarters of the state's 72 counties. The Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation offers in addition to insurance, loss control incentive programs, online safety training, educational seminars, firearms training simulators, cyber risk services, and highway safety rodeos.

Milwaukee Common Council Renames Part of Fourth St. to Vel R. Phillips Ave.

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs sponsored a proposal to name North Fourth Street between West Capitol Drive and West St. Paul Avenue to Vel R. Phillips Avenue in May 2018. All members of the Common Council signed on as co-sponsors of the proposal. The Honorable Vel R. Phillips, the first African-American and first woman to be elected to the Common Council, died on April 17 at the age of 95.

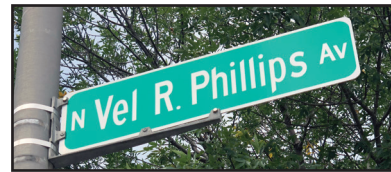


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The Milwaukee Common Council honors Vel R. Phillips' memory through renaming a section of N. 4th St.

She was eulogized as a civil rights leader who knew the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and United States Presidents at St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church. She had a life of many firsts including, the first African-American woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin Law School, the first African American to serve on a national committee of a major political party, the first African-American woman to serve as a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge, and the first African-American to be elected Wisconsin Secretary of State.

Vel R. Phillips, a civil rights activist, helped lead open housing marches with Father James Groppi and the Milwaukee NAACP Youth Council Commandos. As an alderwoman, she was very much instrumental in the passage of the City of Milwaukee's open housing ordinance which was introduced as a resolution for the first time in 1962, then every ninety days after for seven years until passage in 1969. Vel R. Phillips fought discrimination in education, employment, and in any endeavor where she felt there was social injustice.

Energy Assistance Available Now

The Milwaukee County Energy Assistance Program is now available. Any household with a utility burden can apply for this one-time, annual benefit. Your benefit is based on your household's size, your household's income, and your utility usage. It's NOT based on whether or not you are behind on your bill or on how much you may owe.



Applying is easy! Make an appointment or walk in to any of our sites. There are 6 sites across Milwaukee County for your convenience. All sites are on a bus line and are handicapped accessible.

Northwest - 4906 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Downtown/Central - 728 N. James Lovell St.
West Allis - 6761 W. Greenfield Ave.
Southeast/Bay View - 2701 S. Chase Ave.
South - 5663 S. 27th St.
North - 6918 W. Brown Deer Rd.

You can apply any time between October 1, 2018 and May 15, 2019. Hours are: **Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Last applicant taken 30 minutes before closing and subject to availability. Closed on major holidays. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call **270-4MKE (270-4653)** or go online to **www.KeepWarmMKE.org**



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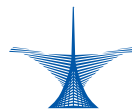
Thank You Thursday

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of every month. Visit mpm.edu for more info.



Family FREE Days & Special Holidays

2018: 12/1, 2019: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7. Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day. Visit milwaukeezoo.org for more info.



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

FREE for all visitors
the first Thursday of every month
Visit mam.org for more info.



FREE on Mondays from
9 a.m.-Noon for County residents

Excludes major holidays.
Visit milwaueedomes.org for more info.

VILLA TERRACE DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM

FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month
Visit villaterrace.org for more info.

Charles Allis Art Museum

FREE for all visitors the first Wednesday of every month
Visit charlesallis.org for more info.

Service Guide for 13th District Milwaukee County Residents

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Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300

Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120

Criminal Division 278-4538

Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging 289-6874

Dept. of Health & Human Services 289-6877

District Attorney's Office

John Chisholm 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4700

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4766

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) 525-5770

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction

General and Visiting Information 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469

Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Low Income Housing/Rent Assistance 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/DNR License... 278-4067

Medical Examiner 223-1200

Mental Health Complex 257-6995

Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600

General Information 257-7275

Parks Hotline 257-5100

Organized Sports 257-8030

Golf Reservations 475-6222

Golf Office 257-8024

District 13 Parks

Atkinson Triangle (936 W. Atkinson Ave.) 964-0064

Carver Park (911 W. Brown St.) 342-0215

Estabrook Park (4400 N. Estabrook Dr.) 964-0064

Gordon Park (2828 N. Humboldt Blvd.) 962-8809

Kern Park (3614 N. Humboldt Blvd.) 964-0064

Milwaukee River Parkway 461-0839

Pleasant Valley (1229 E. Concordia Ave.) 962-8809

Rose Park (3045 N. Dr. ML King Dr.) 342-0215

Milwaukee County Zoo 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2702

Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711

Customer Comments 937-3218

Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 256-4600

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony 278-4667

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City Hall/Common Council 286-2221

Night 286-CITY (2489)